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Sustainable Water Supply
Kundariya Shri Mohanbhai Kalyanjibhai

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Union Government for sustainable water supply in water scarce areas of Saurashtra and Kachchh regions and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for viability gap funding/financial support to meet the capital cost of 4 desalination plants costing Rs. 3500 crores approximately; and

(c) if so, the action the Union Government has taken in the matter so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government of Gujarat had submitted a project proposal with an estimated cost of Rs.4570 crore to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation (MoDW&S) for funding as "Special Case" under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) for sustainable water supply in tribal areas of Saurashtra and Kachchh region.

Government of Gujarat had not requested for viability gap funding/financial support to meet capital cost of 4 nos. of desalination plants of Rs. 3500 crore. However, the project proposal submitted under NRDWP for sustainable water supply includes assistance to the tune of Rs. 400 crore for two desalination plants in Saurashtra region.

(c) In view of the limited budget allocation to the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation under NRDWP in the Financial Year 2016-17 and there being no provision for funding as a special case under NRDWP guidelines, the proposal was not approved by MoDW&S. However, the State Government has been suggested to put up the proposal for funding under externally aided projects along with the required documents.

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